PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): May I know whether any lands have been leased out in Peermade taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want elucidation on one point. May I know whether the help alleged to have been given is generally availed of by the Travancore people?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Is it being availed of by persons in all parts of the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir. In fact, we are not in a position to meet all demands.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then how is it that it is stated that the help is availed of in general?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Because, whatever is available is taken by the people in time.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the help is being availed of in my constituency?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I suppose so.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any attempt has been made to popularise it in my constituency?

PRESIDENT: I trust that the honourable member is trying to popularise it as well.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Certainly.

Taluk Committee, Karunagapally.

554 *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a taluk committee functioning in the Karunagapally Taluk in connection with the distribution of food grains, kerosene and sugar;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether they will state the names of the members of the committee and the fixed interval at which the committee is expected to meet;

(*c*) the number of meetings with their respective dates summoned after the advent of the present Tahsildar to Karunagapally;

(*d*) whether the Tahsildar is conducting the distribution of food grains, sugar and kerosene oil in consultation with and in accordance with the advice of the Committee;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that no meeting has been summoned within the last ten months;

(*f*) whether the Government or the District Magistrate, Quilon, has prescribed any uniform method of procedure in the distribution of kerosene oil;

(*g*) if the answer to (f) above is in the affirmative whether it is followed in the Karunagapally Taluk;

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(*h*) the number of retail distributors of food grains in the Karunagapally Taluk ;

(*i*) whether the distribution of kerosene oil and sugar for 'A' and 'B' class people is conducted through a very small number of these merchants specially selected by the Tahsildar to the detriment of public convenience in that the 'A' and 'B' class people have to purchase their sugar and kerosene from far off shops selected by the Tahsildar instead of from the nearest shops where their food ration cards have been registered;

(*j*) whether kerosene oil and sugar are being sold in Karunagapally Taluk on the instructions of Tahsildar in excess of schedule rates or rates prevailing in the neighbouring taluks ; and

(*k*) whether any complaints have been received against the policy of the Tahsildar in the distribution of food grains, kerosene and sugar ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) There is a committee.

(*b*) The names of the members of the Committee are :—

1. The Inspector of Police, Karunagapally.
2. The Excise Inspector, do.
3. The Co-operative Inspector, Karunagapally.
4. Mr. C. S. Subramoniam Potti, M. A.
5. ,, V. Krishnaswami Aiyar, Vakil, Karunagapally.
6. ,, T. V. Neelakantan Nair, Vakil, Karunagapally.
7. ,, V. K. Easo ,, ,,
8. ,, G. Velu Pillai ,, ,,
9. ,, Mahamed Ali Abdarahiman, Panathitta Veedu, Karunagapally.
10. ,, P. S. Madhavan, Cheruvallil Veedu.
11. ,, Kunjan, Vakil, Karunagapally.
12. ,, Kesava Panicker, Menatheril, Krishnapuram.
13. ,, A. Damodaran, Kalangara Veedu, Panmana.
14. ,, Krishna Panicker, Menatheril Veedu, Krishnapuram.
15. ,, Kunju Panicker, Anasthanathu, Perinad.
16. ,, Abda Rahiman, Valel, General Merchant, Vallikavu.
17. Rev. Fr. T. P. David, Kollaka, Karunagapally.
18. Mr. Neelamana R. Madhavan Nair, M. L. A.
19. ,, A. P. Udaya Bhanu, B. A., B. L., M. L. A.
20. ,, N. Narayana Kurup, B A., B. L., M. L. C.

The Committee has to meet once in a month. But after several summons to the meetings, meetings could not be conducted for want of quorum.

(*c*) Nine times, *viz.*, on 2-6-1119, 11-6-1119, 17-7-1119, 27-8-1119, 30-9-1119, 11-1-1120, 19-3-1120, 17-4-1120 and 21-6-1120.

(*d*) Owing to want of quorum in the Committee, no advice or suggestion from the Committee was available and the Tahsildar has to conduct the distribution on the directions and orders of Government, to the maximum advantage of the public.

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[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

(*e*) No. Four meetings were summoned; but nobody turned up.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) It is followed.

(*h*) 232.

(*i*) Distribution to 'A & B' classes is conducted through 30 merchants selected from the retail foodgrains merchants in the different localities of the Taluk and so distributed as to avoid all possible inconvenience to the people.

(*j*) Sugar and kerosene oil are sold at prices fixed based on the agents' price, transport charges and leakage in the case of kerosene oil, and the price of several consignments in the case of sugar fixed by the Sugar Controller.

(*k*) The Coastal food supplies—Co-operative Stores had complained but the complaint was found unreasonable on enquiry.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: കമ്മറിയിലെ അംഗങ്ങളുടെ പേരുവിവരം ഇവിടെ പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു കമ്മറി കരുനാഗപ്പള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽ ഇല്ലാ എന്നും ശരിയായ ഒരു കമ്മിറി ഫങ്ക്ഷൻ ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്കു ജനങ്ങളുടെ പരാതികൾ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അവിടെ കമ്മറി ശരിയായി കൂടുന്നില്ലെന്നു പരാതിയുണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ആ കമ്മിറിയിൽ ഉള്ള ആളുകൾ ജനങ്ങളെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്നവരല്ലെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ആ കമ്മിറിയിയുടെ പ്രസിഡൻറായ തഹശീൽദാരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ട് കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ കമ്മറിയിലെ അംഗങ്ങൾ ജനങ്ങളെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: തഹശീൽദാരെപ്പറ്റിയല്ലയോ പരാതിയുള്ളത്?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: അതെ.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: പരാതി ശരിയാണെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ സമ്മതിക്കുമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No Sir,.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: സർ, ഞാൻ ആ കമ്മിറിയിലെ ഒരു മെമ്പറാണെന്നു ഇതിൽ കാണുന്നു. ഇതുവരെ എനിക്ക് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരെഴുത്തുപോലും കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു വിശ്വസിക്കുമോ?

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PRESIDENT: Has not the honourable member brought it to the notice of the Government?

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Yes, Sir. I have written to you.

PRESIDENT: When was it?

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Long ago, and I think it is under investigation; I do not know anything about it. But I have brought it to the notice of the Government with sufficient proof about his misbehaviour.

PRESIDENT: What is the misbehaviour?

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: He has sold sugar at prices above control rates for which he has issued receipts, and I have produced some of these receipts.

PRESIDENT: Who is this officer?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, his name is Rama Varma Raja and he has since been transferred.....

MR. R. MADHANAN NAIR: He has been promoted and transferred.

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir. It is not correct. He has only been posted as Stationary First Class Magistrate in the cadre interchangeable with Tahsildars.

MR K. A. MUHAMED: കഴിഞ്ഞ രണ്ടുമൂന്ന് ആഴ്ചയായി കരുനാഗപ്പള്ളിതാലൂക്കിൽ റേഷൻ സാധനങ്ങളില്ലെന്ന അറിയാമോ?

MR. K R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അതിനു വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുകളം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു എന്ന വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അറിയാൻ പാടില്ല.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: പിന്നെ അവിടെ വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു മെമ്പർ എങ്ങിനെപറഞ്ഞു?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഇന്നലെ ഈ വിവരത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഫോണോക്കാം വന്നു. അതാണ് ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്. പക്ഷേ ഇതല്ല ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ ചോദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Now that very serious charges against an officer are being made, I should like to know more about it. What do you say, the name of the Tahsildar is? What is he supposed to have done?

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: He has done everything against Government (*Laughter*). He has sold sugar at Re, 1 in excess of the price per bag, for which he has issued receipts. I have, in fact, produced receipts with the allegations. Again, rice and wheat, he has sold at extra rates.

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PRESIDENT : Do you mean to say that Mr. Varma has sold wheat and rice at prices exceeding those fixed by the Government ? Is the matter under investigation Mr. Tampi ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : It has not come to my notice.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The obvious duty, in the circumstances, is to suspend the officer and to make a public inquiry.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR : Thank you, Sir.

Public Service.

555 * **MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many recruitments were made in the current year in the various departments in the various divisions ;

(*b*) how many were recruited from the backward communities ;

(*c*) how many candidates appeared for the public service special examination held in the month of Kanni 1121 ;

(*d*) how many candidates appeared from the backward communities ;

(*e*) will they be pleased to lay on the table, by caste, a list of the candidates who were ranked ;

(*f*) whether any suggestions were made for the same ; and

(*g*) whether any recommendations were made to the Government for exemption from age-bar for the backward communities ?

MR. T. CHANDY : (*Public Service Commissioner.*)

(*a*) The figure relating to the period from 1-1-1121 till 1-5-1121 is as follows:—

	Higher Division	... Nil
	Intermediate Division	... 9
	Lower Division	... 898
(*b*)	Higher Division	... Nil
	Intermediate Division	... 2
	Lower Division	... 522
(*c*)	For the position of clerks	... 778
	For the position of typists	... 118
(*d*)	For the position of clerks	... 251
	For the position of typists	... 43

(*e*) * The statement required is laid on the table

(*f*) This question is not understood.

(*g*) The question is vague.

* *Vide* Appendix II.

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